

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record as directed below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was done by –David R. Burns (Reg. 46.590) as directed by examiner in a telephone interview with Mr. Burns on April 3, 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 1-43, and 45 (canceled)

Claim 44 is amended

44. (new) A computer-implemented method for selecting and playing audio and/or video tracks on a jukebox apparatus situated at a public place, the jukebox apparatus being adapted to register requests for tracks to be played and to store the requests while other requested tracks are played, the jukebox apparatus having a public display visible at the public place, the method comprising:

establishing a communication channel between the jukebox apparatus and a mobile telephone;

constructing a request message with alphanumeric characters on the mobile telephone, the request message comprising:

an identification code for a track that is being requested to be played on the jukebox apparatus, and

a dedication word to be displayed on the public display of the jukebox apparatus in association with playing of the requested track;

transmitting the request message from the mobile telephone to the jukebox apparatus over the communication channel, the request message being transmitted as a Short Message Service (SMS) text request message;

receiving and automatically scanning the SMS text request message at the jukebox apparatus to identify the identification code for the requested track and the dedication word;

automatically authenticating and processing the identification code to provide data instructions to register the request for the track in the jukebox apparatus;

constructing a confirmation message with alphanumeric characters on the jukebox apparatus to confirm that the request has been registered;

transmitting the confirmation message from the jukebox apparatus to the mobile telephone over the communication channel as an SMS text confirmation message;

playing the requested track in the public place using the jukebox apparatus; and
displaying the dedication word on the public display of the jukebox apparatus in association with the playing of the requested track.

wherein prior to constructing and transmitting the request message:

constructing a search message with alphanumeric characters on the mobile telephone, the search message comprising a search criterion regarding tracks available on the jukebox apparatus;

transmitting the search message from the mobile telephone to the jukebox apparatus over the communication channel, the search message being transmitted as an SMS text search message;

receiving and automatically scanning the SMS text search message at the jukebox apparatus to identify the search criterion;

searching for a track available on the jukebox apparatus that meets the search criterion; constructing a search response message with alphanumeric characters on the jukebox apparatus, the search response message comprising a name and an identification code of the track meeting the search criterion; and

transmitting the search response message from the jukebox apparatus to the mobile telephone over the communication channel, the search response message being transmitted as an SMS text search response message.

45. (canceled)

46. (new) A computer-implemented method for selecting and playing audio and/or video tracks on a jukebox apparatus situated at a public place, the jukebox apparatus being adapted to register requests for tracks to be played and to store the

requests while other requested tracks are played, the jukebox apparatus having a public display visible at the public place, the method comprising:

- establishing a communication channel between the jukebox apparatus and a mobile telephone;

- constructing a search message with alphanumeric characters on the mobile telephone, the search message comprising a search criterion regarding tracks available on the jukebox apparatus;

- transmitting the search message from the mobile telephone to the jukebox apparatus over the communication channel, the search message being transmitted as an SMS text search message;

- receiving and automatically scanning the SMS text search message at the jukebox apparatus to identify the search criterion

- searching for a track available on the jukebox apparatus that meets the search criterion; constructing a search response message with alphanumeric characters on the jukebox apparatus, the search response message comprising a name and an identification code of the track meeting the search criterion;

- transmitting the search response message from the jukebox apparatus to the mobile telephone over the communication channel, the search response message being transmitted as an SMS text search response message;

- constructing a request message with alphanumeric characters on the mobile telephone, the request message comprising the identification code for the track that is

being requested to be played on the jukebox apparatus, the track selected from the search response message,

transmitting the request message from the mobile telephone to the jukebox apparatus over the communication channel, the request message being transmitted as an SMS text request message;

receiving and automatically scanning the SMS text request message at the jukebox apparatus to identify the identification code for the requested track;

automatically authenticating and processing the identification code to provide data instructions to register the request for the track in the jukebox apparatus;

constructing a confirmation message with alphanumeric characters on the jukebox apparatus to confirm that the request has been registered;

transmitting the confirmation message from the jukebox apparatus to the mobile telephone over the communication channel as an SMS text confirmation message; and

playing the requested track in the public place using the jukebox apparatus.

47. (new) The method of claim 46, wherein the request message further comprises a dedication word to be displayed on the public display in association with the playing of the requested track, and wherein the method further comprises:

automatically scanning the SMS text request message at the jukebox apparatus to identify the dedication word; and

displaying the dedication word on the public display of the jukebox apparatus in association with the playing of the requested track

48. (new) A computer-implemented method for selecting and playing audio and/or video tracks on a jukebox apparatus situated at a public place, the jukebox apparatus being adapted to register requests for tracks to be played and to store the requests while other requested tracks are played, the jukebox apparatus having a public display visible at the public place, the method comprising:

- establishing a communication channel between the jukebox apparatus and a mobile telephone;

- constructing a request message with alphanumeric characters on the mobile telephone, the request message comprising an identification code for a track that is being requested to be played on the jukebox apparatus;

- transmitting the request message from the mobile telephone to the jukebox apparatus over the communication channel, the request message being transmitted as an SMS text request message;

- receiving and automatically scanning the SMS text request message at the jukebox apparatus to identify the identification code for the requested track;

- automatically authenticating and processing the identification code to provide data instructions to register the request for the track in the jukebox apparatus;

- constructing a confirmation message with alphanumeric characters on the jukebox apparatus to confirm that the request has been registered;

- transmitting the confirmation message from the jukebox apparatus to the mobile telephone over the communication channel as an SMS text confirmation message; and

playing the requested track in the public place using the jukebox apparatus

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

There is no teaching or suggestion in the prior art of the claim limitations, among other things, as presented in the independent claims 44, 46 and 48 specifically the request message includes an identification code for a track that is being requested to be played on the jukebox apparatus, and a dedication word to be displayed on the public display of the jukebox apparatus in association with playing of the requested track then transmitting the request message from the mobile telephone to the jukebox apparatus over the communication channel, the request message being transmitted as a Short Message Service (SMS) text request message and automatically scanning the SMS text request message at the jukebox apparatus to identify the identification code for the requested track and the dedication word then automatically authenticating and processing the identification code to provide data instructions to register the request for the track in the jukebox apparatus and constructing a confirmation message with alphanumeric characters on the jukebox apparatus to confirm that the request has been registered then transmitting the confirmation message from the jukebox apparatus to the mobile telephone over the communication channel as an SMS text confirmation message; wherein prior to constructing and transmitting the request message: constructing a search message with alphanumeric characters on the mobile telephone, the search message comprising a search criterion regarding tracks available on the

jukebox apparatus then transmitting the search message from the mobile telephone to the jukebox apparatus over the communication channel, the search message being transmitted as an SMS text search message and automatically scanning the SMS text search message at the jukebox apparatus to identify the search criterion then searching for a track available on the jukebox apparatus that meets the search criterion; constructing a search response message with alphanumeric characters on the jukebox apparatus whereas the search response message comprising a name and an identification code of the track meeting the search criterion and transmitting the search response message from the jukebox apparatus to the mobile telephone over the communication channel, the search response message being transmitted as an SMS text search response message.

3. The closest prior art found by the Examiner is the previously cited references namely, Uchiyama et al. Pub. No.: (US-2002/0194264 A1) Gold et al Pub. No.: (US 2002/0032752 A1) Newnam et al Pub. No.: (US-2002/0133562 A1) However, the references alone and in combination do not teach or suggest system for selecting and playing jukebox tracks as claimed.
4. For these reasons, in conjunction with the other claim limitations puts this case in condition for allowance

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee; such submission should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reason for Allowance."

Correspondence Information

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ABDELNABI O. MUSA whose telephone number is (571)270-1901. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday: 7:30am to 5:00pm (EST).

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